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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 May 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.

100th PLENARY MEETING

Conference Room 3

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/51/L.73) [167].

NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the debate on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670J).

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1997/98 (PART II)).

Committees**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

*Resumed fifty-first session
(second part)*

3 p.m. 62nd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [140] (A/48/622, A/48/912, A/49/654, A/49/936, A/50/797, A/50/907, A/50/965, A/50/976, A/50/983, A/50/985, A/50/995, A/50/1009, A/50/1012, A/51/389, A/51/491, A/51/646, A/51/778, A/51/845, A/51/892, A/C.5/50/51, A/C.5/51/8, A/C.5/51/45 and A/C.5/51/48)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Human resources management [120]

Letter dated 15 May 1997 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/51/49 and A/51/893)

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Afternoon*
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/48/622, A/48/912, A/49/654, A/49/936, A/50/797, A/50/907, A/50/965, A/50/976, A/50/983, A/50/985, A/50/995, A/50/1009, A/50/1012, A/51/389, A/51/491, A/51/646, A/51/778, A/51/845, A/51/892, A/C.5/50/51, A/C.5/51/8, A/C.5/51/45 and A/C.5/51/48))

* Following the adjournment of the 62nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 23 May 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

*Resumed fifty-first session
(second part)*

Informal consultations

10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 May 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

98th plenary meeting

Earthquake in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent earthquake.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/51/780/Add.6) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Burundi, Cape Verde, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Mauritania and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/51/867)*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/51/877)*

(c) *Curricula vitae (A/51/878)*

In accordance with article 13, subparagraph 2 (a), of the Statute of the International Tribunal, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges of the International Tribunal.

The President announced that he had been informed that Mr. Masoud Mohamed Al-Amri (Qatar) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of eleven judges of the International Tribunal.

In the first ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Antonio Cassese (Italy), Mr. Claude Jorda (France), Mr. Richard George May (United Kingdom), Ms. Gabrielle Kirk McDonald (United States), Mr. Rafael Nieto Navia (Colombia), Dr. Fouad Abdel-Moneim Riad (Egypt), Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana), Mr. Lal Chand Vohrah (Malaysia) and Mr. Wang Tieya (China) were elected members of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 1997.

Two vacancies remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

The result of the second ballot was inconclusive.

With two vacancies remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

98th (resumed) plenary meeting

Cyclone in Bangladesh

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Bangladesh for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent cyclone.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

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The representative of the Sudan announced that Mr. Babiker Zain Elabideen Elbashir (Sudan) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Uganda announced that Dr. Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko (Uganda) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Two vacancies remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Poland announced that Prof. Jan Skupinski (Poland) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Sri Lanka announced that Mr. George Randolph Tissa Dias Bandaranayake (Sri Lanka) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining two vacancies.

In the fourth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Ms. Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba (Zambia) was elected a member of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 1997.

One vacancy remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting.

The result of the fifth ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Nigeria announced that Mr. Adolphus Godwin Karibi-Whyte (Nigeria) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a sixth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the sixth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Almiro Simões Rodrigues (Portugal) was elected a member of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 1997.

Thus, the eleven members of the International Tribunal, elected for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 1997, are the following: Mr. Antonio Cassese (Italy), Mr. Claude Jorda (France), Mr. Richard George May (United Kingdom), Ms. Gabrielle Kirk McDonald (United States), Ms. Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba (Zambia), Mr. Rafael Nieto Navia (Colombia), Dr. Fouad Abdel-Moneim Riad (Egypt), Mr. Almiro Simões Rodrigues (Portugal), Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana), Mr. Lal Chand Vohrah (Malaysia) and Mr. Wang Tieya (China).

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 166.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the consideration of the request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 94 (c) contained in document A/51/899 was postponed to a later date.

Wednesday, 21 May 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

99th plenary meeting

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

(a) *Report of the Sixth Committee convening as the Working Group of the Whole (A/51/869);*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/51/L.72).*

The representative of Japan made a statement on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole of the Sixth Committee in the course of which he introduced the report of the Working Group (A/51/869).

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.72.

A point of order was raised by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey, Bolivia, Pakistan, the Czech Republic, China and Slovakia.

By 103 votes to 3, with 27 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.72 (resolution 51/229).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France, India, Ethiopia, Egypt, Israel, Spain and Rwanda.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 144.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) *Fifth report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.4)*

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The additional item became item 167 of the agenda of the fifty-first session.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in the course of which he proposed that agenda item 167 be considered as the last item of the meeting.

Points of order were raised by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 167 as the last item of the meeting.

(b) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 97 (a) (Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development): letter from the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/51/901)

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Second Committee, to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 97 (Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [18]

(a) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/109) [18 (h)]

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), Mr. Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic), Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev (Russian Federation), Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy) and Mr. Khalil Issa Othman (Jordan) as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998 and ending on 31 December 2002.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 18.

(b) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/896) [18 (i)]

The General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. James Gustave Speth as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a further four-year term of office beginning on 16 July 1997.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: letter from Bolivia (A/51/862) [19]

The General Assembly took note of the nomination, by its President, of Bolivia as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 19.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution A/51/L.73 [167]

A point of order was raised by the representative of Lebanon.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.73.

The General Assembly was informed that the continuation of the consideration of agenda item 167 was postponed to the afternoon of the following day.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

61st meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Japan, South Africa, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management responded to questions posed.

Human resources management [120]

Letter dated 15 May 1997 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/51/49)

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Algeria, Ghana, Armenia, the United States, Germany, Canada, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium and Austria.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

The Committee decided to revert to the consideration of a proposal made by the Chairman, together with the proposed amendments, to its next meeting.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [140]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Latvia (on behalf of the Baltic States), the Republic of Korea, China, Uruguay, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana and Australia.

The representative of the United States spoke on a procedural issue.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Japan.

The Chairman made a statement.

